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Charges Made of Conspiracy to Defraud the Government.

FEDERAL OFFICERS AND DISTILLERS

The Grand Jury has brought to light what appears to be an evil condition of things in North Carolina—Forty-nine charges against one official.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) GREENSBORO, N. C., Sept. 9.—Contrary to expectation the grand jury of the special term of the Federal Court in session here this week, this evening not only completed its work and was discharged, but returned indictments in open court in twenty-eight true bills. Included in these bills in one case were forty-five Federal officials and distillers for conspiracy to defraud the government. In other bills officers are charged with perjury, forgery, bribery, demanding bribes, false reports of captured or destroyed stills, false vouchers for expenses and false returns of whiskey output of licensed distillers. Some of the officers indicted have been recently removed or were allowed to resign. Among the deputy collectors indicted are prominent officials. Republican politicians in their respective communities.

Omnibus Conspiracy Bill.

Against these officials there are many charges in each bill, besides the omnibus conspiracy bill, containing twelve separate counts. J. H. Smith, marked on bill as "Special Agent of Revenue Agent W. H. Chapman," has thirty distinct cases charged, eight of which are distilleries falsely reported seized or destroyed and twelve for conspiracy with as many different distillers to defraud the government out of revenue.

The banner defendant is ex-Deputy Collector R. N. Harden, said to be Congressman Blackburn's candidate for the malfeasance of this district upon expiration of the present marshal's second term. There are forty-nine cases against him embracing almost every offense known to the United States revenue laws. Of the ninety parties indicted, all were distillers or bar-keepers except the following deputy collectors now or recently in office: Starkey Hare, L. S. Davis, R. N. Harden, J. W. Hasty, G. W. Samuel, G. H. Walker, C. G. Bryan, Z. C. Davis, E. B. Davis, A. S. Patterson, J. H. Smith.

Without exception these have been operating in Wilkes county.

It has been charged that efforts of District Attorney Holton to uncover frauds have been systematically opposed by the Revenue Department and not only the Department of Justice, Washington sent aid to investigators here, could headway be made.

Assisting the court officers here this week have been special agents of the Department of Justice, J. M. Welch and E. L. McAdam, and Internal Revenue Representative J. N. Shaw, of Washington. The latter is said to have come by order of Yerkes to watch if the district officers were permitting the Revenue Department, as had been represented, and finding such a rotten state of affairs, frankly told his original mission and joined forces with the Department of Justice officials, the entire escape of prominent politicians, not revenue officials, has created surprise and much talk, which may result in another scandal before matters are over.

Others in Danger.

It is predicted that at next term of court, the first Monday in October, that as many more bills will be found by that grand jury, but against an entirely different set of officials and others. There is a great deal of ugly talk already passing about failure to include parties well known to have been implicated in, promoters and beneficiaries, of many of the frauds. The cost of the court this week, says that it will not exceed five thousand dollars.

OHIO SERGEANT IS MILITARY CHAMPION

(By Associated Press.) SEAGIRT, N. J., Sept. 9.—Ohio carried off the principal honors here today. Sergeant C. P. Orr, of that State, with a grand total of 292, won the President's match, and until the competition of next year will hold the title of military champion of America. He has also earned the championship medal, and in a few weeks will receive an autograph commemorative letter from President Roosevelt. Private Naylor Fry, also of Ohio, was second, and Sergeant Major Evans, of New Jersey, third.

FREIGHTS COLLIDE; THREE MEN KILLED

(By Associated Press.) PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Sept. 9.—Three trainmen were killed and two others were slightly injured early today in a collision at Labor Junction, Pa., between freight trains of the Philadelphia and Reading and the Central Railroad of New Jersey. A fast freight of the Central road crashed into a Reading local freight and the three dead men were buried beneath the wreckage. Fire followed the collision.

ROYALL CALLS A MASS MEETING

Will Urge Resolution Asking for Removal of Electoral Board.

EBEL AND COHEN TO MAKE A STATEMENT

Board Will Meet To-morrow Night to Formulate Paper to Public—Mr. Ebel Says Royall's Assertions Are Absolutely Untrue—Mr. Richardson Talks.

Two exceedingly interesting developments of yesterday, growing out of the publication of the Royall petition, were the call by Mr. W. L. Royall of a mass meeting of citizens of Richmond who are in sympathy with his movement to be held next Saturday night in the Capitol Square, and the determination of the Electoral Board to meet to-morrow night for the purpose of formulating a statement to the public in reply to the accusations of the Royall paper.

Call to the People

Mr. Royall's call to the people is appended: "To the People of Richmond: I invite the people of Richmond to meet me in the Capitol Square on next Saturday evening, September 16th, at 8:30 o'clock P. M., when I will address them and explain in detail why I think they should request the present Electoral Board to resign. I shall ask them to pass a resolution, declaring to the Electoral Board that it has lost their confidence, and asking them to resign this office, and I shall state to the people in plain terms why I think this resolution should be passed. (The friends of this resolution are asked to attend. Those who think that such a resolution is an interference with the province of the courts will not be expected to attend. We will thus ascertain whether there is or is not a considerable body of fellow citizens who think they have a right to declare their opinion on matters of vital concern to them." (Signed) "WM. L. ROYALL."

Mr. Ebel Interviewed.

Mr. Ferdinand C. Ebel, president of the Electoral Board, was seen on yesterday and asked if he had anything to say regarding the charges made by Mr. Royall. Mr. L. Royall against the Electoral Board.

"I have only this to say," replied Mr. Ebel. "If Mr. Royall had come to see me I would have given him all the information he required, and he would not have published statements that, to say the least, are absolutely wrong. I have always answered any question that has been asked me, and I think it was unfortunate that Mr. Royall did not come to see me. I state positively that Mr. Royall's assertions are untrue. The Electoral Board will hold a meeting on Monday night, and a statement will then be given out. I have nothing further to say until that time."

Mr. Samuel Cohen declined to discuss the Royall petition. He will be at the Electoral Board meeting on Monday night.

Overlooked Legal Phase.

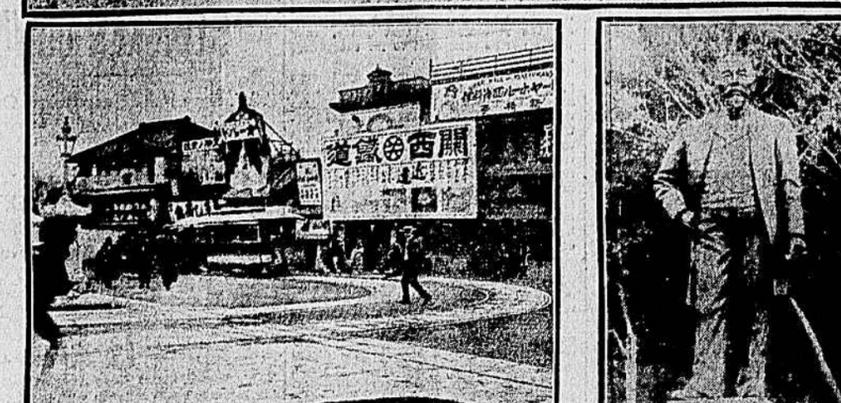
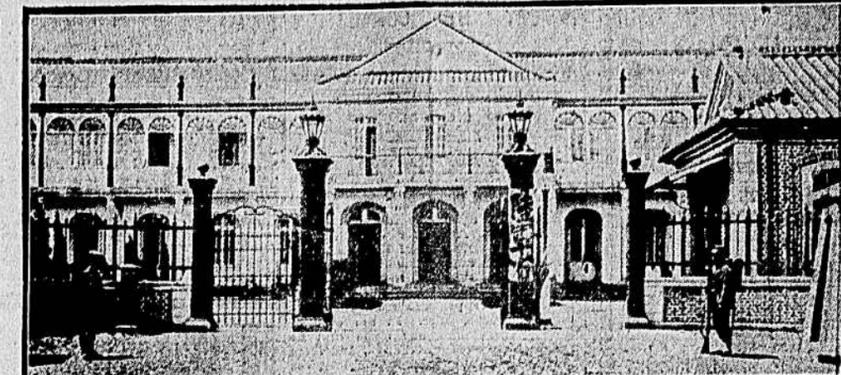
Mr. D. C. Richardson, Commonwealth's Attorney, on yesterday gave out the following statement regarding the Royall petition: "Mr. Royall has overlooked the legal phase of the question. The public should understand that there is a distinction between political power and using that power for unlawful purposes. "If Mr. Royall should succeed in showing conclusively that Clyde W. Saunders is the political boss of Richmond, it would not be within my province to prosecute him as a lawbreaker. "It will have to be shown that he has violated the law before the court can take any cognizance of the matter, which Mr. Royall has been to commit."

IN AUTO MADE WILD DASH TO CATCH BOAT

Mrs. Dillon Missed Train That Took Husband to Cherbourg.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, September 9.—A story of an exciting ride of 200 miles from Paris to Cherbourg in an open automobile, in a driving rain-storm, to reach the steamer St. Louis before she sailed, and to beat a train, was told today by Mrs. J. M. R. Dillon, wife of the State entomologist of Louisiana, who, with her husband and mother, Mrs. L. H. Linter, arrived from Cherbourg to-day on the St. Louis. Mrs. Dillon said that her husband had left Paris on the first section of the train for Cherbourg, and that she and her mother missed the second section. No other train could catch the steamer and the railroad officials declared her request for a special train was propitious. In haste Mrs. Dillon hunted for the manager of an automobile garage who would undertake to make the run to Cherbourg in an automobile, and found one who accepted \$300 and a guarantee against loss or accident for the trip. It was raining hard when the automobile started. Mrs. Dillon and her mother were splattered with flying mud, and the rain beat into their faces so that they could hardly breathe. Forty miles from Paris the machine killed two dogs that were fighting in the street, and later sent a peasant on his car flying into the gutter, but the automobile covered the distance in five hours and twenty minutes, and Mrs. Dillon caught the steamer.

SCENES IN TOKIO WHERE RIOTING OCCURRED.



The large picture shows the War Office in Tokio. Below is a street scene in the same city. The statue is that of the Marquis Ito, at Kobe, which was torn from its pedestal and dragged through the streets. This is a genuine photograph of the statue, reproduced from a Japanese souvenir postal card received in the office of The Times-Dispatch.

RISKED HIS LIFE TO SAVE COMRADE

A Thrilling Scene Which Took Place Yesterday in Mid-Air.

SHOCKED BY A LIVE WIRE

William Burnett is Saved From Death—William Gladden's Nerve.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) CHARLOTTE, N. C., September 9.—Suspended from a pole forty feet high, with only a leather belt supporting him, William Gladden, a lineman, this afternoon heroically rescued his companion, William Burnett, who, unconscious from a serious shock, was in imminent peril. The spectacle was witnessed by several hundred people, who stood spell-bound while the scene was enacted, and were so overcome they forgot to cheer the rescuer.

Burnett and Gladden were making some connections for the Catawba Power Company on the same pole at the intersection of College and Trade Streets. In some manner Burnett's left shoulder came in contact with a live wire and 2,300 volts shot into his body. Instantly he lost consciousness and released his grasp on the pole. The leather belt around his waist had been run over a cross-arm on the pole, and this held him, limp and helpless, forty feet in the air and in imminent danger of being dashed to the pavement below.

Gladden acted quickly. His own belt was adjusted to another cross-arm in the same manner as Burnett's, and, relieved of his hold, he swung around, gulping himself with his feet, until he could grasp the unconscious form of his companion. Then he held on firmly to the injured man, while his companion's ropes were cut and in a short while Burnett had been lowered to the ground. His condition is serious.

The worst is now considered to be over. These left destitute are beginning to feel the pangs of hunger and there is also much suffering by those insufficiently clad. Succor is pouring in from all quarters, but the destitution is so widespread that it is impossible to supply immediately all the needs of the people.

5 KILLED; 75 HURT IN TROLLEY SMASH

Car Crowded With Passengers Plunges into Freight and is Wrecked.

(By Associated Press.) YORK, Pa., September 9.—Five persons were killed and seventy-five injured in a collision between a passenger and a freight trolley car to-day on the York and Dallastown Electric Railway, near Stables' switch, about six miles from here. Two victims were killed instantly, and three died later at a hospital here.

Although the cause of the accident has not been explained, it is supposed to have been due to a mistake in signals. The wrecked passenger car was crowded, the register showing 102 fares. When Stables' switch was reached, the motor-man saw the freight car not more than 100 feet away, approaching at a rapid rate. Meisenholder, motorman of the passenger, applied the brakes, and with a warning cry jumped for his life. He was followed by Conductor Snyder. Both escaped serious injury, but the passenger's in the inside were unable to help themselves. They became panic-stricken and made desperate effort to escape, but before one of them could jump from the car the crash came.

Swedan Preparing for War.

(By Associated Press.) STOCKHOLM, September 9.—It is reported that the naval authorities have ordered the mining of certain waters, and that precautionary measures have been taken to prevent injury to shipping.

THOUSANDS DEAD IN EARTHQUAKE

Many Still Entombed in Ruins—Entire Families Wiped Out.

OVER 3,000 SAID TO HAVE PERISHED

Much Suffering Among People Who Are Afraid to Enter Houses—Slight Shocks and Subterranean Rumbblings Still Heard—Work of Succor.

(By Associated Press.) ROME, September 9.—The effects of the earthquake were more disastrous than at first reported. Dispatches from the south give ever increasing lists of dead and injured, the numbers now running into the thousands. Maritime alone shows 2,200 casualties, while at Parghella, the number of dead is estimated at 300 and at Lappolo 200.

Many persons are still entombed in the ruins in these and other districts and touching scenes are enacted when bodies are recovered and identified by grief-stricken relatives. In some cases whole families have been wiped out.

The greatest agitation continues among the populace. Slight shocks of earthquake are felt occasionally, and subterranean rumbblings are still heard. Those persons still possessing houses refuse to enter them.

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PALMA RENOMINATED FOR PRESIDENT OF CUBA

(By Associated Press.) HAVANA, September 9.—President Palma was to-night unanimously renominated by the Moderate party convention as a candidate for the presidency of Cuba. Mendez Capote received the nomination for the vice-presidency. The platform does not mention the Platt amendment, as the Moderates consider the constitutional appendix settled. It declares strongly for a five years' extension of the reciprocity treaty with the United States and for amendments thereto, according to the interests of both countries.

LABORERS, STARVING, SUCKED WILD CANE

Terrible Suffering Among Panama Canal Employees Reason Why Market Was Chosen.

(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, September 9.—It was learned to-day that a condition of practical starvation, which has several times recently broken out among Panama Canal laborers, was one of the grounds which caused Chairman Shonts, of the Panama Canal Commission, to accept the J. E. Markel bid for supplying food to government employes at Panama, which has caused two unsuccessful bidders to protest to President Roosevelt.

Chief Engineer John P. Stevens has been sending daily appeals to the canal commissioners' headquarters to send his men food. It was stated to-day by authority that the laborers, who are doing hard work, have been for some time in a half-starving condition, due to the fact that the demand for food has raised the prices of all commodities to abnormal figures in Panama.

The dollar-a-day men, with eggs at ten cents a piece and had meat from 2) to 4) cents a pound, have gone for two and three days at a time without any food, except that got from sucking the wild cane in the swamps. In this emergency, one of the reasons for accepting the bid, it is learned, was the fact that he has an organized force ready to put into Panama.

125 WANT HELP TO-DAY.

The 125 advertisements for help published in to-day's Times-Dispatch on page 10 are as follows: 30 Trades, 10 Domestic, 15 Office, 25 Miscellaneous, 30 Agents, 15 Miscellaneous. This not only interests those out of work, but those desiring to improve their positions as well.

BRITT KNOCKED OUT IN 18 ROUNDS

Battling Nelson Wins In Terrific Fight Before Great Crowd.

CALIFORNIAN WAS OUTCLASSED BY DANE

Clever and Cool, But No Match for Strength and Endurance of Opponent, Whom He Punished Severely Without Effect—Jeffries Did Not Appear in Ring.

(By Associated Press.) SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., September 9.—In a fight that had many novel features, Battling Nelson, of Chicago, knocked out James Edward Britt, of San Francisco, at Colma this afternoon.

The end came in the eighteenth round and was a fairly won victory. The surroundings, the crowd, the bitterness of the men toward each other, the uncertainty as to whether there would be a fight at all up to within a quarter of an hour before the fight actually began, together with the cleverness and the endurance displayed by the two boxers, made the fight one of great interest to followers of fighting. It was the success of a strong, enduring fighter, against a clever, cool boxer.

Britt Outclassed.

From the first of the fight until Referee Grancy finished the count of ten seconds, Nelson forced the fighting. Though suffering many bruising blows on the face and body and being at times very tired, Nelson never gave ground. He came back after every attack by Britt, always ready to exchange blows. For the most part, Nelson's blows were effective. The Californian tried every blow known to him to stop his tireless opponent. In every way Britt fell, although he punished Nelson severely, knocking him down once and staggering him several times.

Only in the third round did it appear that those close to the fight thought that Nelson was short. In this round Britt reached the most vulnerable spot on Nelson's muscled body, the stomach, with two terrific right-hand blows that carried punishment. Nelson faltered for a moment and doubled up. Quickly turning his attention to Nelson's face, Britt sent a terrific right cross that dropped the Dane to his knees. There was a shout from Britt's friends, but the relation was short. Nelson got up before the timer could reach the count of ten and fought aggressively for a few seconds, when the gong sounded a cheerful note to Nelson's supporters.

Nelson Fresh and Ready.

The call of time for the succeeding round found Nelson fresh and ready. Nelson was always the first to begin rounds, though not always the first to land a blow. Time after time he would glide along after Britt, much after the style of Fitzsimmons, never clever in his feet, but always seeking to shorten the distance between his opponent and himself. Tireless persistence and disregard of physical punishment characterized Nelson's fighting throughout. Nelson fought gamely at all times, but after his spurt in the third round the Californian fighter weakened perceptibly to those seated close to the ringside. Britt had used all his strength, all his cleverness, and he had failed to achieve a knockout. Britt appeared to realize as he took his corner after the fourth round that he was unable to hurt his opponent. Nelson also seemed to realize this fact, and took Britt's blows with more confidence and without flinching.

Except in spots the rounds were all pretty much alike. Nelson always forewent the protection of the railroad, Japan also holds the right to retain the collieries at Fushun and Yantai, even after the evacuation of the country by the Russians.

When the fact that no stipulation exists against the fortification of Cape

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EXPLOSION KILLS 19; SHATTERS TOWN

Powder Mills Blow Up and Scores of People Are Injured.

EVERY HOUSE IN CITY IS DAMAGED

Buildings Twenty Miles Away Rocked On Their Foundations. Railway Trains Have Narrow Escape From Annihilation—Cars of Dynamite Set Off.

(By Associated Press.) CONNELLSVILLE, Pa., September 9.—The Rand powder mills, at Fairchance, six miles south of Uniontown, were entirely wiped out by an explosion at 9:05 o'clock to-day. Of the thirty-two men who went to work in the mill this morning, nineteen are known to be dead. Of these thirteen have been identified. Nine men, including C. W. Rand, manager of the plant, were seriously injured. Scores of people in the town of Fairchance, within half a mile of the powder mills, were more or less painfully injured.

The shock of the explosion was distinctly felt in Connelleville, twenty miles away, buildings being rocked on their foundations. At Uniontown hundreds of panes of glass were broken. In the town of Fairchance there is scarcely a house that did not suffer damage. The sides were battered as though axes had been used. Hay stacks were toppled over in the field, and five stock were stunned. The rails of the Baltimore and Ohio Railway and the West Pennsylvania Traction Railway Company were rooted from the roadbed, and traffic was delayed from four to six hours, transfers being made over the Pennsylvania.

Trains Have Narrow Escape.

Train No. 82, on the Baltimore and Ohio, had just passed the Rand mills when the explosion occurred. The windows in the passenger coaches were shattered and passengers thrown into a panic. Had the train been a few seconds late it would have been down up, as the mills were within a few rods of the tracks. A street car on the West Pennsylvania Railroad had also passed just a few seconds before the explosion, and was far enough away to escape damage, though it was derailed.

There were seven explosions in all. Every one of the ten buildings was totally demolished. A vestige of them remains to-night. The debris that was strewn over the ten acres of ground where the plant was located took fire soon after the explosion and added its terrors to the disaster. The dismembered parts of the dead were burned in many instances. Identification of many was made by parts of clothing alone. The first three explosions were not as serious as the last four. Then the packing house, pressing room and magazine blew up, followed by two cars of dynamite standing on a nearby railroad siding, which were set off by the concussion from the powder mill explosion. Two other cars remained intact and it was with difficulty that they were moved to a place of safety after the explosion. When the bodies were recovered the work of identification was very difficult. Small pieces of bodies were picked up all over the place, but they were so mangled it was difficult to collect enough fragments of any one body to make identification possible. Almost a half-mile mountain road was cut through, and a line of steel was left with blood, was picked up. The hole where the magazine exploded is about 15 feet deep and 50 yards square. The earth, black and soggy, is thrown up in huge chunks, some of them weighing a hundred pounds. Under the high banks of earth thrown up, a place workmen are working with picks, trying to get trace of more bodies.

The Third Explosion.

Manager C. Mortimer Rand was taken to his home at Uniontown on a street car about noon. He suffered greatly from shock aside from the painful injuries he received. Mr. Rand could not be seen and no statement from the company could be obtained on the accident or the cause of it.

This is the third explosion at the Rand plant within the past two years. Three towns were killed in the first explosion. Two were hurt in the second, which was only slight.

A few months ago the citizens of Fairchance had an injunction served on the Rand powder firm, asking the court that the firm be compelled to move the works from the town of Fairchance, and the safety of its citizens jeopardized by the location of the plant so close to the town. This injunction is still pending in the Superior Court.

EIGHT MEN DROWNED; CAPTAIN KILLS SELF

(By Associated Press.) BOSTON, MASS., Sept. 9.—The death of Capt. Isaac Frazier by suicide and the loss of eight men by going astray in a fog was reported by the remaining members of the crew of the Boston fish-boat schooner Joseph H. Cromwell, who brought the vessel into this port to-day. The missing men were lost while out in dories on the Georges Banks last Wednesday. The captain jumped overboard and was drowned Friday morning. After searching the ship the crew examined clothing in the captain's room and in a pocket they found a note addressed to the proprietor of the board, which read as follows: "Dear George: I cannot get along in this world and I will try the next. Good-bye to you and all my friends. Yours friend, J. H. Mason." It is supposed that Frazier brooded over the loss of so many members of the crew until he became temporarily insane.

THE RESIGNATION OF CAPT. DAN. M. LEE

Gives Up Democratic Chairmanship to Run As Independent.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) FREDERICKSBURG, VA., September 9.—Frederick M. Lee, of Stafford county, brother of the late General Fitzhugh Lee, who has announced himself as a dependent candidate for the House of Delegates from Stafford and King George counties, has been chairman of the Democratic party of Stafford for nearly a quarter of a century. His resignation as chairman, but it has not yet been acted upon. Action will be taken at Stafford County next week.

Mr. R. C. L. Mansour, of Stafford, is the Democratic nominee, and Mr. F. W. Payne, of King George, is the Republican candidate. The race will be a close one between these two, with Captain Lee out of the contest. If he remains in the contest, Mr. Payne will be an easy winner. It is believed that Captain Lee will withdraw before the election.

The Republican convention to nominate a candidate for the House of Delegates from Stafford county and the city of Fredericksburg will be held here on Friday, September 15th. The Republican convention to nominate a candidate for State Senate from this district will be held in this city on the same day.

In his speech at King George Court-house Judge Lewis complimented Judge Mansour for appointing Mr. J. E. Markel of Pittsburg, a prominent lawyer of this city, a member of the Electoral Board of Fredericksburg, and said that fair elections would always prevail if such men are chosen all over the State.